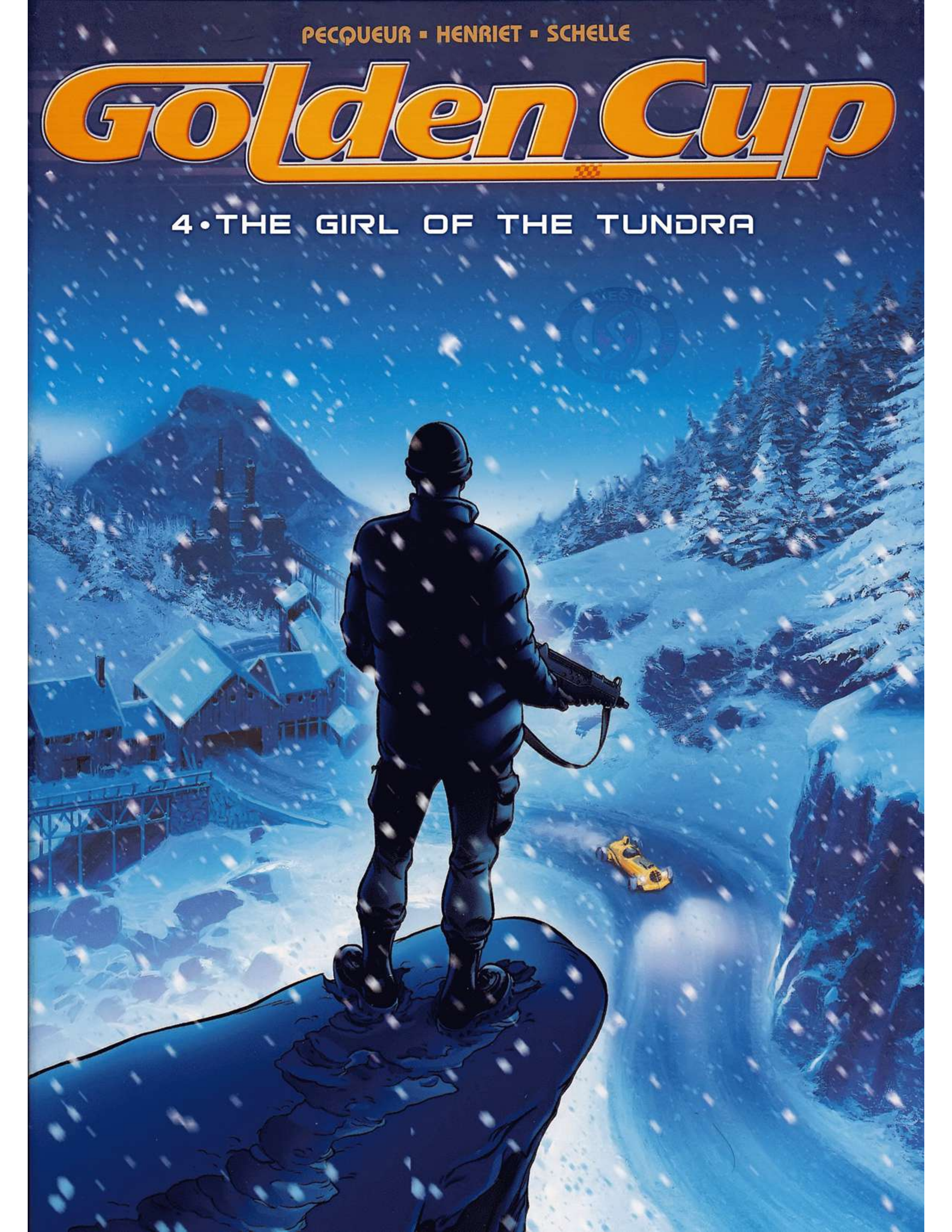

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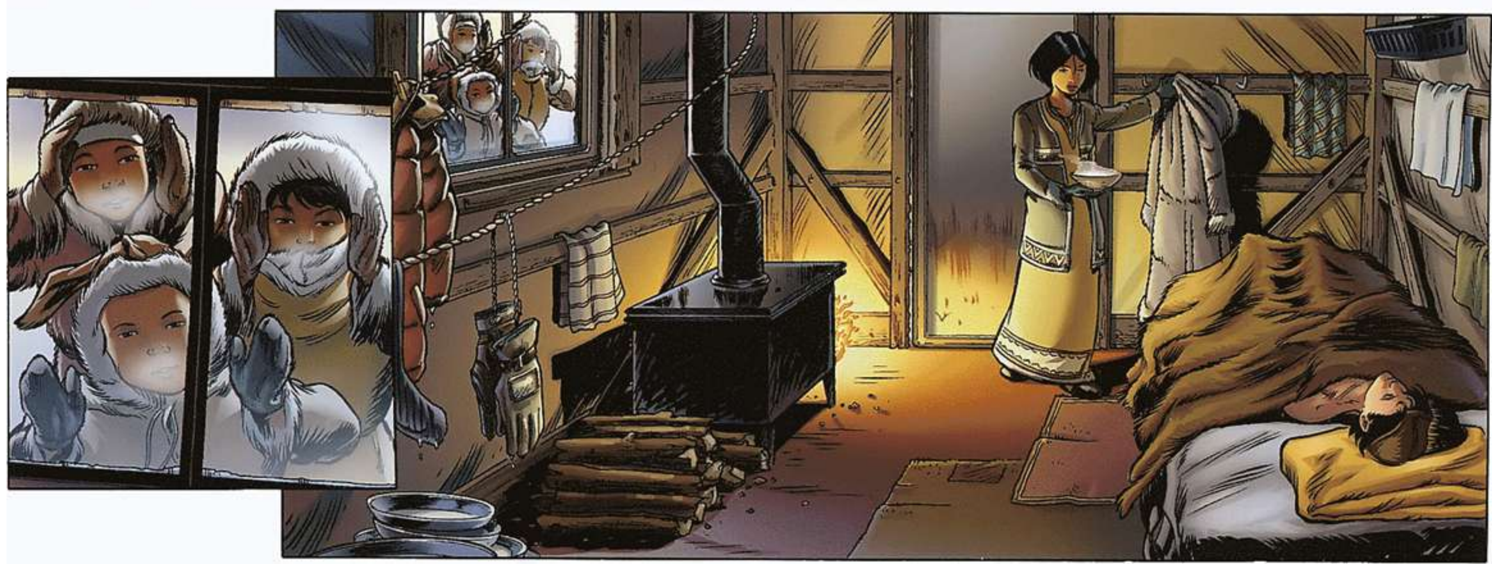
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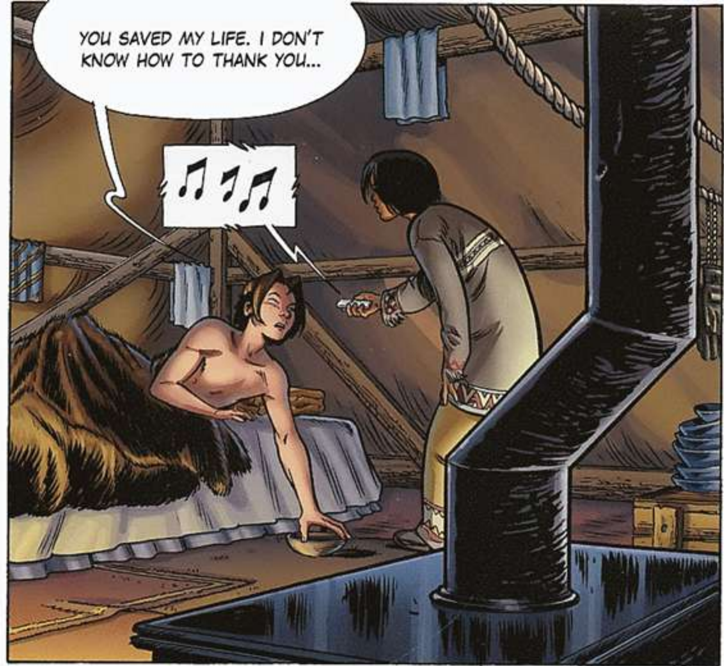

WAIT... WHAT AM I DOING HERE? WHO ARE YOU?!
MY NAME IS DOUDINKA. I'M A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MOSCOW MAJORING IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES.
I'M VISITING MY PARENTS FOR A FEW DAYS ON VACATION.


HERE, DRINK THIS. IT'S REINDEER MILK. IT'S FULL OF VITAMINS AND NUTRIENTS THAT WILL DO YOU GOOD. YOU HAVE TO GET YOUR STRENGTH BACK AFTER YOUR LITTLE SWIM.

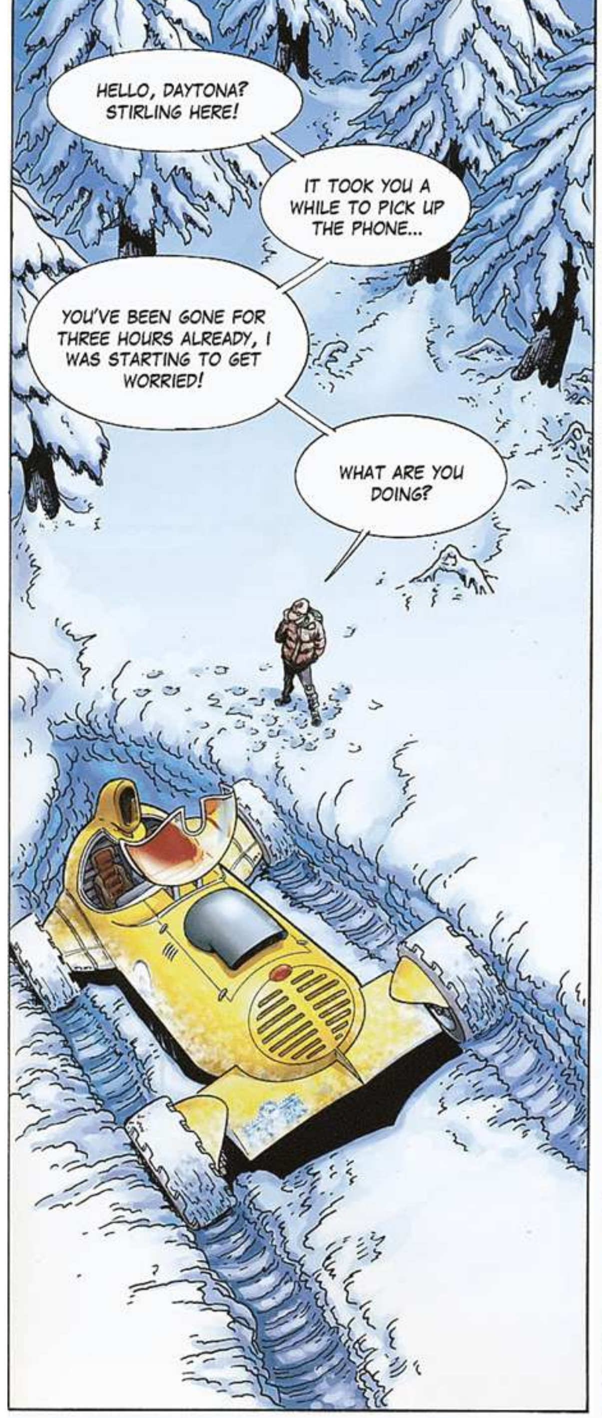

WHAT SWIM?
YOU FELL THROUGH THE ICE WHILE CROSSING THE RIVER. YOU ALMOST DROWNED.
OH? I CAN'T REMEMBER ANY OF THAT.


THAT'S NORMAL. BETWEEN THE SHOCK AND HYPOTHERMIA YOUR BRAIN FUNCTIONS WERE SEVERELY IMPAIRED. YOU CAN EXPECT TO BE CONFUSED, DISORIENTED AND LETHARGIC.
IT'LL ALL COME BACK TO YOU EVENTUALLY.


YOU'RE LUCKY THIS STILL WORKS. IT WASN'T IN THE WATER LONG, JUST THE FEW SECONDS IT TOOK FOR ME TO PULL YOU OUT, BUT STILL...


YOU SAVED MY LIFE. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU...


LIKE SO...


HELLO, DAYTONA? STIRLING HERE!
IT TOOK YOU A WHILE TO PICK UP THE PHONE...
YOU'VE BEEN GONE FOR THREE HOURS ALREADY, I WAS STARTING TO GET WORRIED!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?


S... STIRLING! MY GOD, I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT YOU!


WHAT DO YOU MEAN "FORGOT"? YOU'RE JOKING RIGHT? WHERE ARE YOU?
WITH DOUDINKA...
WHO?!


I... I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING LATER...
I'M COMING. I JUST HAVE TO GET DRESSED.


WHAT DO YOU MEAN "GET DRESSED"?! HELLO?... HELLO, DAYTONA?... CAN YOU HEAR ME?... HELLO?
ERR... CAN I HAVE MY CLOTHES, PLEASE?
(SHRINKAGE)


GOOD EVENING, HOW ARE YOU?
WONDERFUL! YOU BRING ME LUCK, MY DEAR STYLER. EVERY TIME I VISIT YOUR CASINO I WIN!


EXCUSE ME, MY PHONE...
PROBABLY ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR ADMIRERS...
HELLO?... AH, IT'S YOU, BORANO! HOW IS THE INVESTIGATION GOING?
HAVE YOU FOUND MY DAUGHTER?
NOT YET, BUT I DISCOVERED THAT HER KIDNAPPERS WERE ACTUALLY WORLD WARRIORS...


TWO OF THEM MANAGED TO ESCAPE.
THEY FLED BY PLANE AND TOOK YOUR DAUGHTER AS A HOSTAGE.
THE THIRD IS DEAD, BUT I'M GOING TO MAKE HIM TALK.
I'M CERTAIN THAT HE HAS SOME INTERESTING THINGS TO TELL ME.


I'LL CALL YOU AS SOON AS HE HAS CONFESSED.
GOOD BYE, BURT!
ТАВЕРНА


BUT... WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHAT... WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?


GYNECOLOGICAL RESEARCH...
HA! HA! HA!


NO... DON'T DO THAT!
PLEASE... STOP!


THE LADY ASKED YOU TO STOP!
ARE YOU DEAF?
?!


WHY ARE YOU INTERFERING, FOOL? SCRAM, NOBODY ASKED YOU.


YOU HEAR ME? GO!
I WON'T TELL YOU AGAIN!









OUTSIDE, NOW! LEAVE THE WEAPONS AND GET LOST!

IF ANY OF YOU FILTHY BASTARDS DARE COME BACK I'LL KILL YOU!

WHERE DID THOSE SCUMBAGS COME FROM? DO YOU KNOW THEM?
NO, I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM BEFORE...
THEY AREN'T PEOPLE FROM AROUND HERE. PROBABLY POACHERS PASSING THROUGH...
IT'S THE FIRST TIME THAT I'VE EVER HAD A PROBLEM WITH A CUSTOMER. EVERYONE HAS BEEN RESPECTFUL UNTIL NOW...



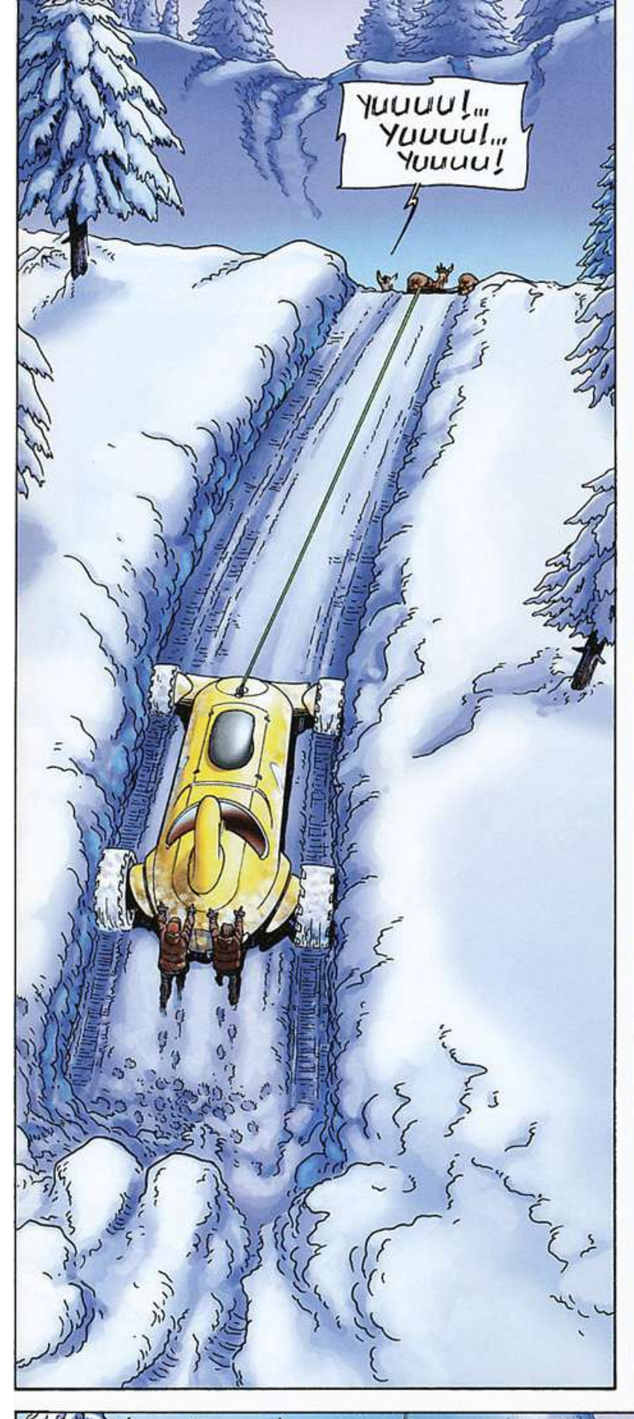




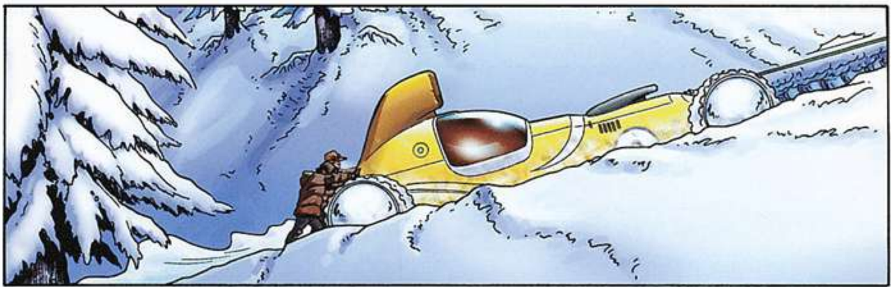


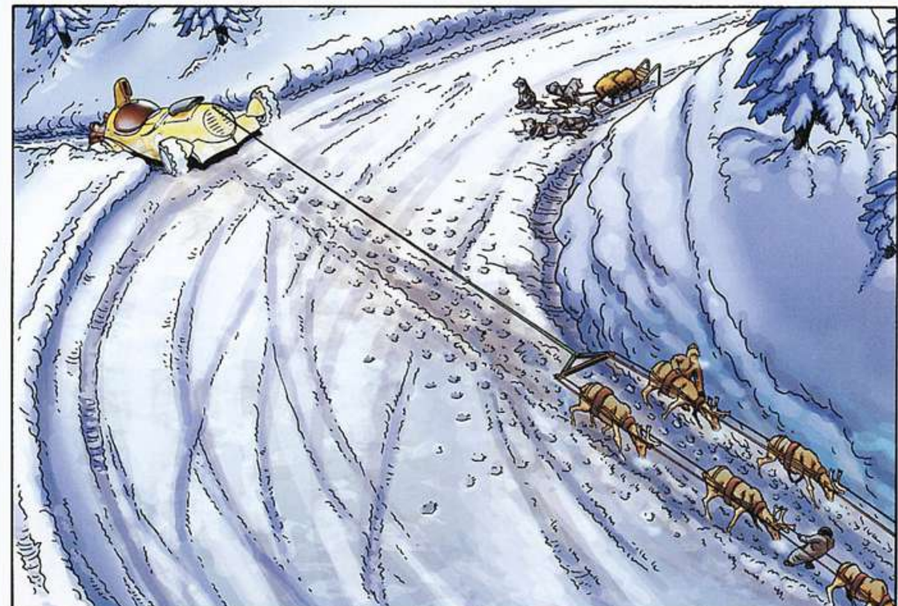



OKAY, THE HOOK IS ATTACHED! GO AHEAD!
YUUUUU!... YUUUUU!... YUUUUU!


YUUUU!... YUUUU!... YUUUU!








PFFF! THAT'S IT, I'M WORN OUT!
SO ARE THEY...
HERE, THIS IS FOR YOU AND YOUR FATHER.
NO, WE DON'T WANT IT.


PLEASE, IT'S ONLY FAIR. IT WAS VERY KIND OF YOU TO HELP US. WE OWE YOU AT LEAST THIS MUCH.
DON'T PUSH IT. NO MEANS NO...
MY FATHER IS ONE OF THE LAST NOMADIC NATIVES. HE CHOOSES TO LIVE LIKE HIS NENET ANCESTORS WITH RESPECT FOR THE TRADITIONAL VALUES OF HOSPITALITY AND SOLIDARITY.
YOU CAN'T BUY THE NENETS, THEY AREN'T FOR SALE.


SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO INSULT YOU. I LIVE FAR FROM HERE IN A LAND WHERE MONEY IS KING. WHERE NOBODY DOES ANYTHING FOR NOTHING. DON'T JUDGE ME TOO HARSHLY, I DIDN'T KNOW PEOPLE LIKE YOU AND YOUR FATHER EXISTED.


TAKE THIS, I WANT TO GIVE IT TO YOU...
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IT'S A NENET TALISMAN. IT WILL PROTECT YOU UNTIL THE FINISH OF THE GOLDEN CUP.
THANK YOU, BUT IT'S UNLIKELY WE'LL FINISH NOW. WE'VE BEEN DELAYED SO LONG THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO CATCH UP, AND IF WE DON'T GET TO THE NEXT CONTROL POINT IN TIME WE'LL BE OUT OF THE RACE.


WHERE IS THE NEXT CONTROL POINT?
ANADYR. DO YOU KNOW IT?
OF COURSE, IT'S EIGHT HUNDRED MILES FROM HERE. IT'S A LONG DRIVE ON A POOR ROAD WITH MANY A TWIST AND TURN. YOU WON'T GET THERE BEFORE DARK UNLESS YOU GO THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS...


THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS? HOW SO? ACCORDING TO THE ROAD BOOK THE ONLY WAY TO ANADYR IS THROUGH THE VALLEY.
SURE, BUT THERE'S ALSO THE OLD RAILROAD.


IN THE PAST COPPER, TIN AND ZINC WHERE TRANSPORTED THROUGH HERE...

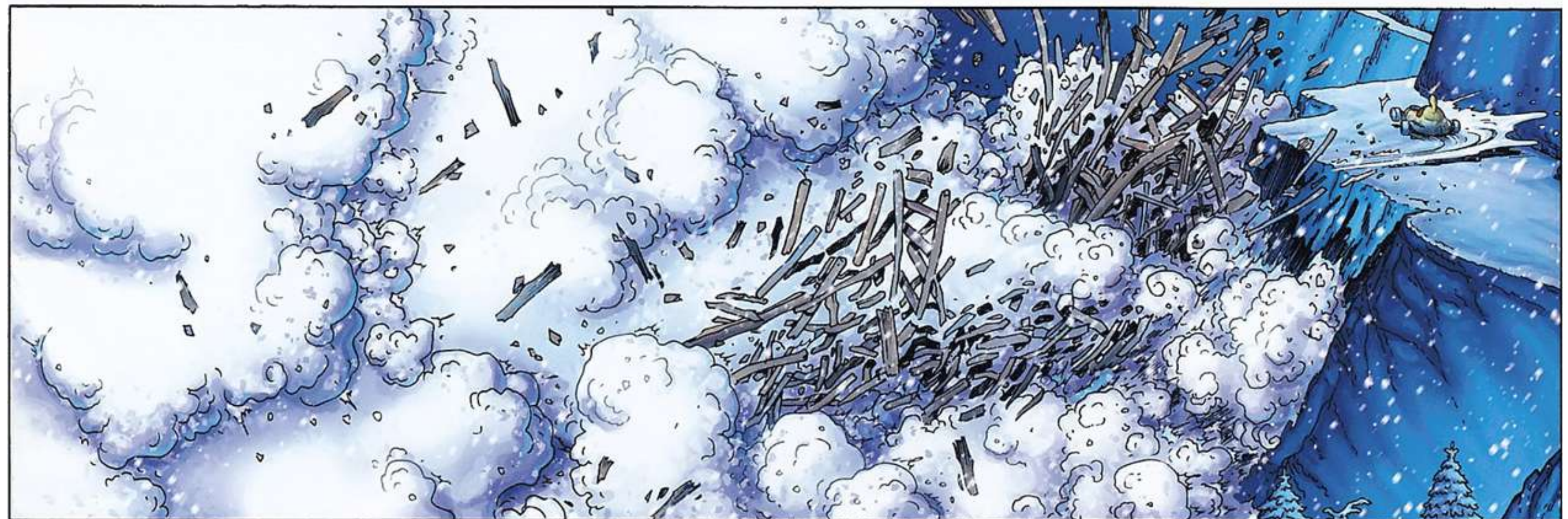
IT WENT THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS TO GET THE ORE TO THE BIG INDUSTRIAL CENTERS FASTER...





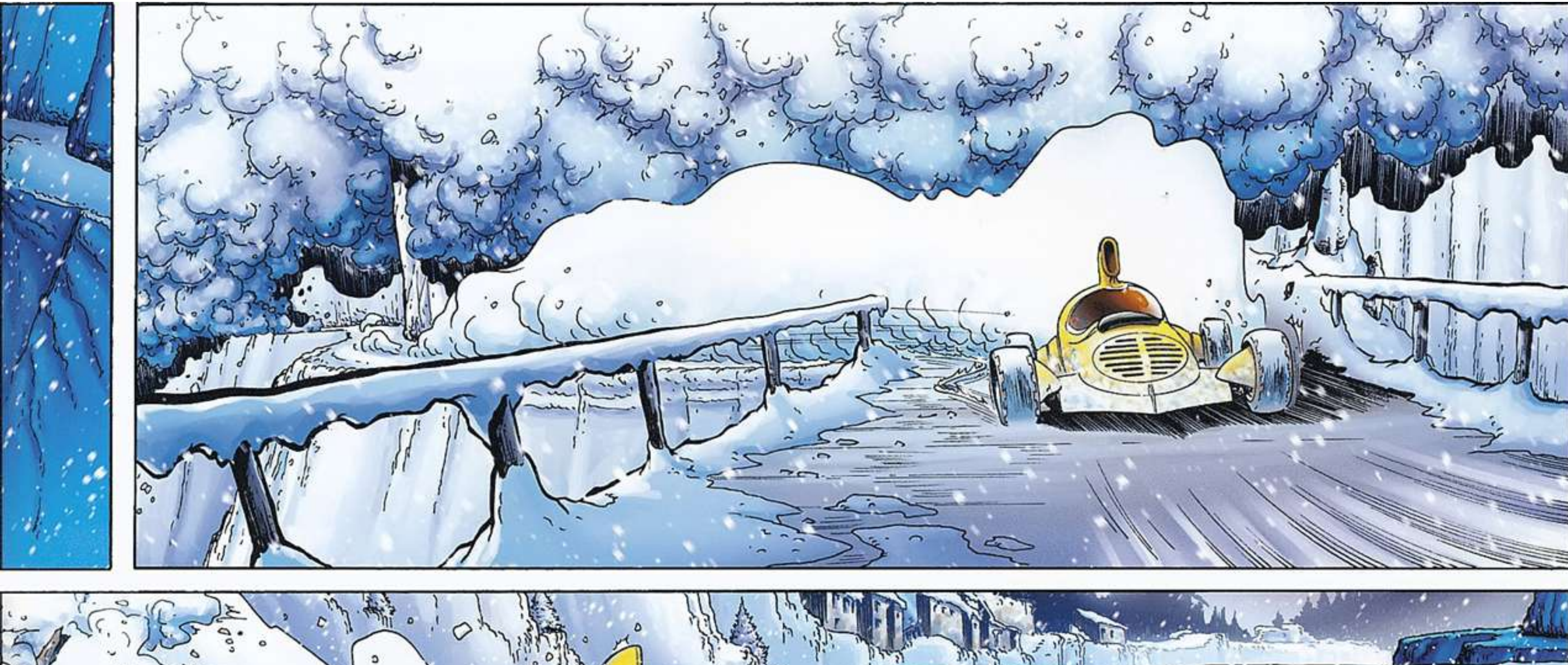


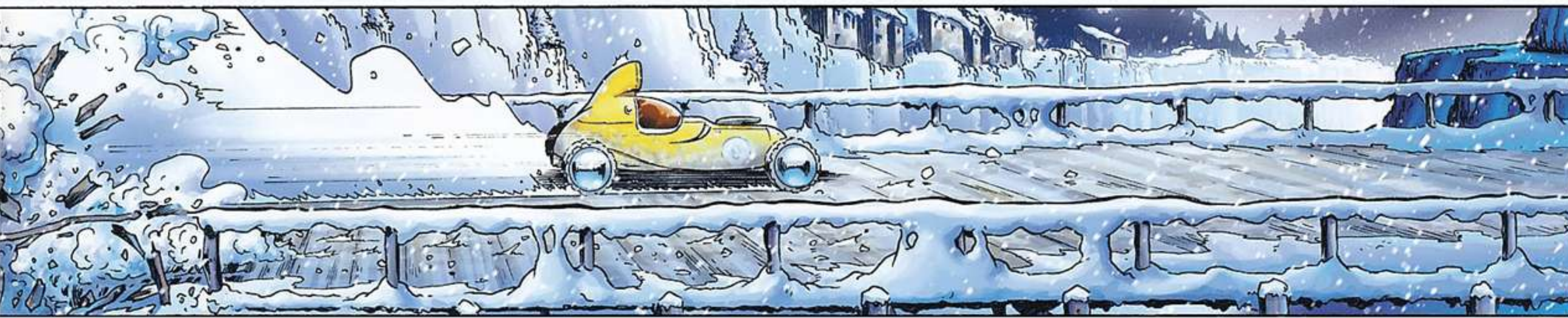


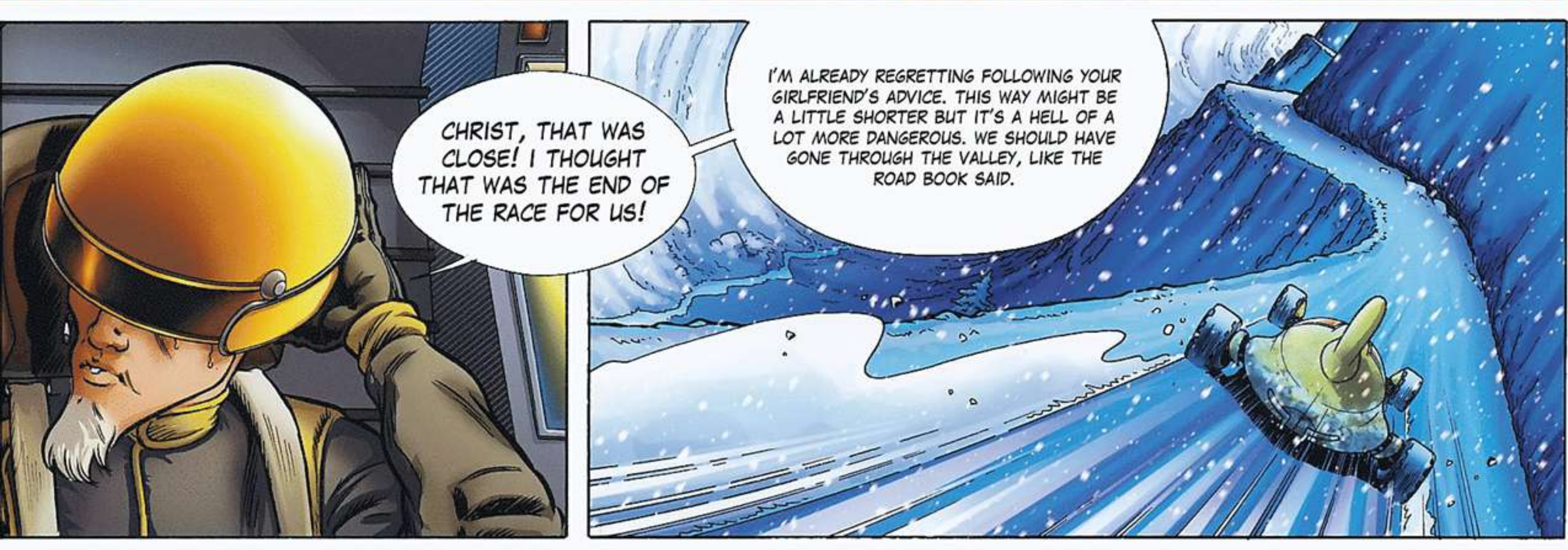


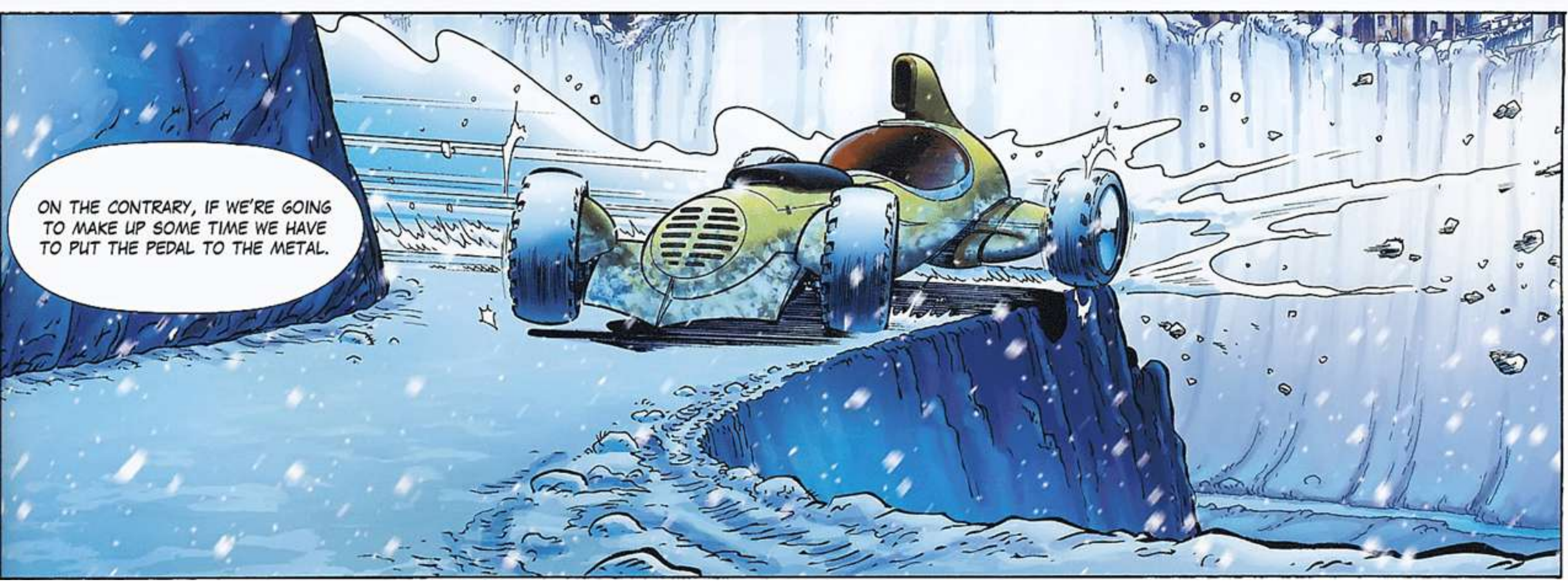
IT'S TOO LATE TO TURN BACK NOW. THE ONLY WAY FORWARD IS STRAIGHT AHEAD...

OKAY, BUT I DON'T WANT TO END UP IN A RAVINE SO EASE UP ON THE GAS PEDAL, BOY.






CHRIST, THAT WAS CLOSE! I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE END OF THE RACE FOR US!
I'M ALREADY REGRETTING FOLLOWING YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S ADVICE. THIS WAY MIGHT BE A LITTLE SHORTER BUT IT'S A HELL OF A LOT MORE DANGEROUS. WE SHOULD HAVE GONE THROUGH THE VALLEY, LIKE THE ROAD BOOK SAID.


ON THE CONTRARY, IF WE'RE GOING TO MAKE UP SOME TIME WE HAVE TO PUT THE PEDAL TO THE METAL.

I STILL THINK YOU'RE PLAYING A TRICK ON ME, MISTER BORANO.
WHY?
BECAUSE THE DEAD MAN STILL HASN'T SAID ANYTHING.
YOU'RE MISTAKEN, HE HAS ALREADY TOLD ME MANY INTERESTING THINGS.
REALLY? LIKE WHAT?
HIS NAME, FOR EXAMPLE. I TOOK A DROP OF HIS BLOOD AND DID A DNA ANALYSIS WHICH I PASSED ON TO THE FORENSIC POLICE IN GOLDEN CITY...
I RECEIVED THEIR REPLY A FEW MOMENTS AGO. THE DNA BELONGS TO A CERTAIN BRIAN WAGNER WHO IS A KNOWN MEMBER OF THE "WW".
WHAT'S THE "WW"?



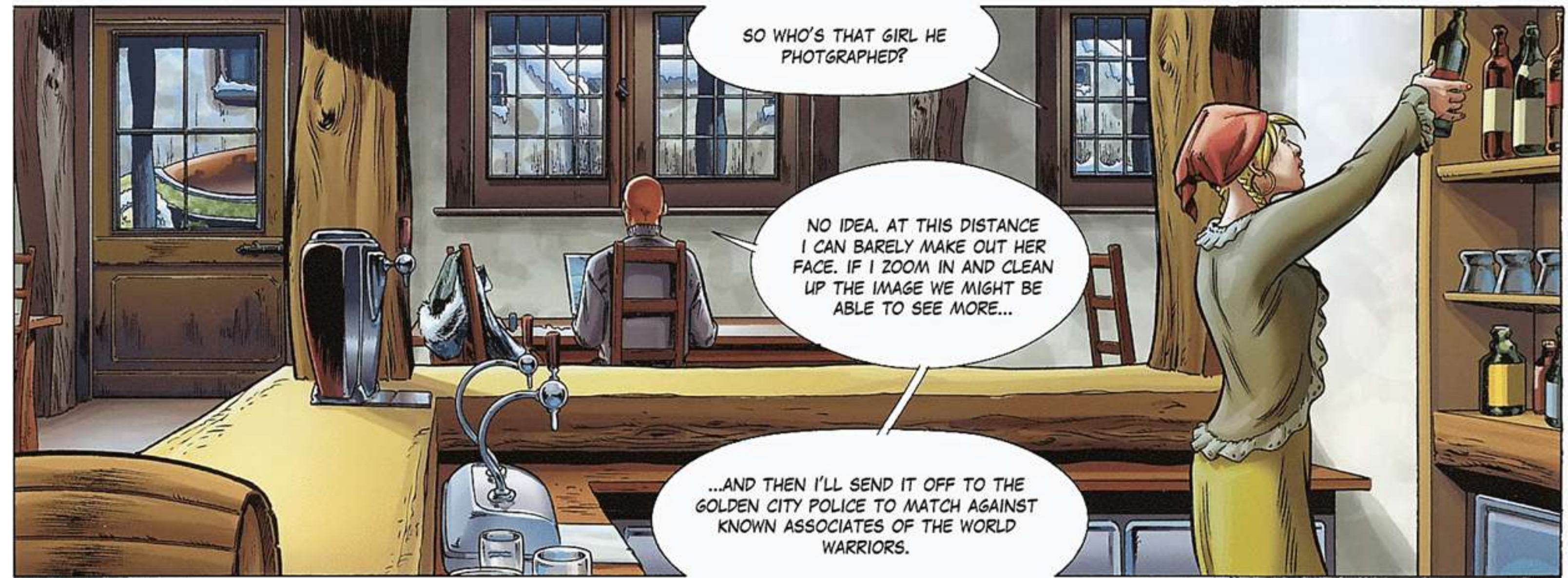



I THINK I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK, TATIANA.
REALLY?
YES, BRIAN HAS JUST SUPPLIED MY INVESTIGATION WITH AN IMPORTANT CLUE.
COME LOOK.

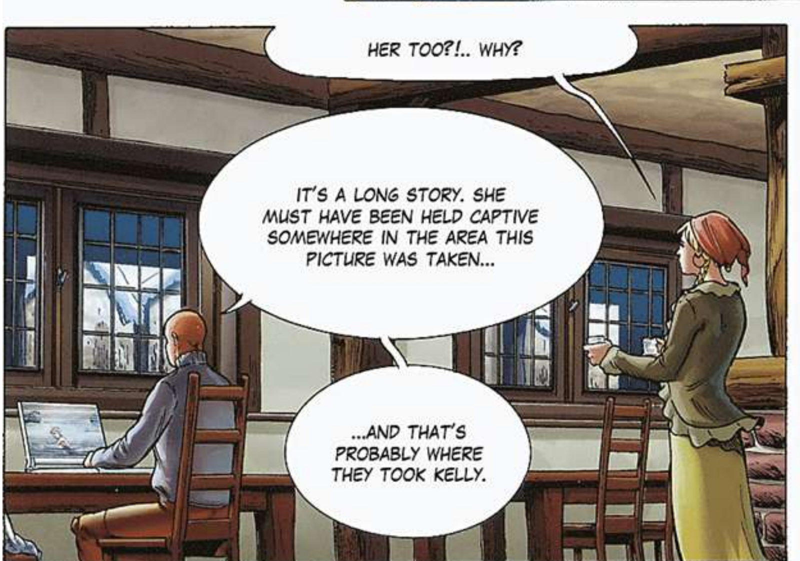

HE TOOK THIS PICTURE...
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
BECAUSE I FOUND THIS CAMERA IN HIS POCKET...


...AND BECAUSE HIS CLOTHES ARE IN THE PHOTO; HIS COAT FOR EXAMPLE.
LOOK, THERE ON THAT ROCK.
YOU'RE RIGHT, THOSE ARE HIS. YOU HAVE TO BE CRAZY TO SKINNY DIP IN THE WINTER!
I WOULD FREEZE MY ASS OFF!


NO, THAT WATER IS WARM, SEE? THE MIST IS FORMED BY COOL AIR COMING INTO CONTACT WITH HOT WATER.
HOW IS IT WARMED UP?
BY A GEYSER FED BY A VOLCANO. WHEN I EXAMINED BRIAN'S BODY...
...I FOUND TRACE AMOUNTS OF SULPHUR IN HIS HAIR. EVIDENCE THAT PROVES HE RECENTLY SWAM IN A NATURAL HOT SPRING AND NOT LATER THAN YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO THE DATE OF THE PICTURE.


SO WHO'S THAT GIRL HE PHOTGRAPHED?
NO IDEA. AT THIS DISTANCE I CAN BARELY MAKE OUT HER FACE. IF I ZOOM IN AND CLEAN UP THE IMAGE WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEE MORE...
...AND THEN I'LL SEND IT OFF TO THE GOLDEN CITY POLICE TO MATCH AGAINST KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF THE WORLD WARRIORS.

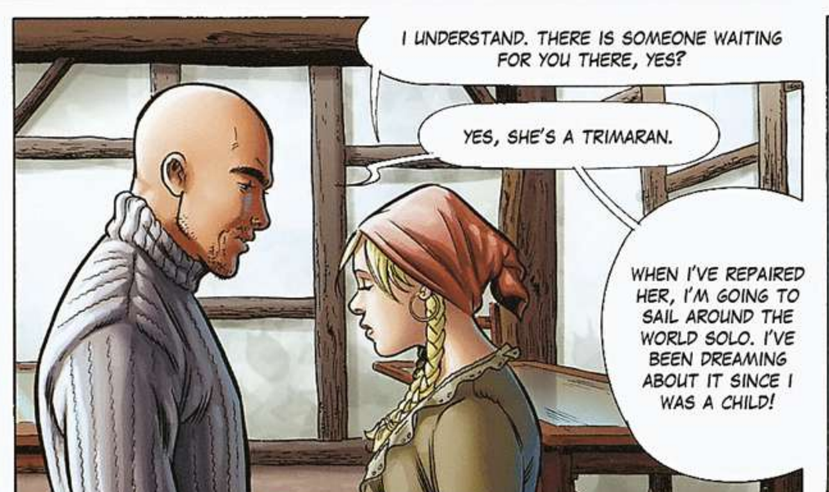

HER?!
DO YOU KNOW HER?
YES, SHE'S THE MOTHER OF THE GIRL I'M LOOKING FOR.
HER NAME IS JENNIFER STYLER. SHE WAS KIDNAPPED BY THE WORLD WARRIORS.


HER TOO?!.. WHY?
IT'S A LONG STORY. SHE MUST HAVE BEEN HELD CAPTIVE SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN...
...AND THAT'S PROBABLY WHERE THEY TOOK KELLY.


NOW I JUST NEED TO FIND THE RIGHT PLACE. I'M GOING TO ASK A VOLCANOLOGIST FRIEND FOR ADVICE. HE'S TRAVELLED THE WHOLE WORLD AND KNOWS ALMOST EVERY VOLCANO ON THE PLANET. MAYBE HE'LL RECOGNIZE THE ONE IN THE PICTURE.
WOULD YOU LIKE SOMETHING TO DRINK WHILE YOU WAIT?
HERE, TASTE THIS.

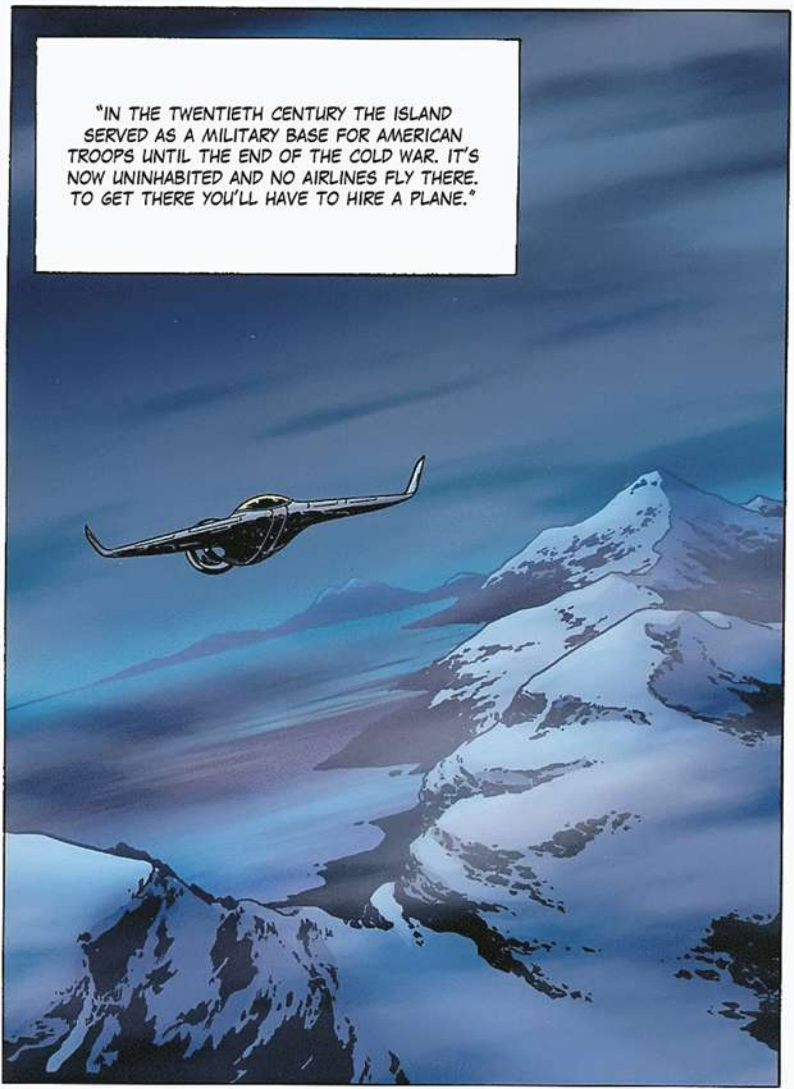

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
FANTASTIC! I'VE NEVER TASTED SUCH A WONDERFUL VODKA.
IF YOU WANT, I CAN HOLD BACK A FEW BOTTLES...
...AND THEN MAYBE YOU CAN COME AND GET THEM WHEN YOU'RE DONE...


YOU'RE SWEET, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT I'LL RETURN. AS SOON AS I FIND KELLY I'M GOING HOME, TO THE BAHAMAS. I LIVE IN A SMALL HARBOR A FEW MILES FROM NASSAU.


I UNDERSTAND. THERE IS SOMEONE WAITING FOR YOU THERE, YES?
YES, SHE'S A TRIMARAN.
WHEN I'VE REPAIRED HER, I'M GOING TO SAIL AROUND THE WORLD SOLO. I'VE BEEN DREAMING ABOUT IT SINCE I WAS A CHILD!



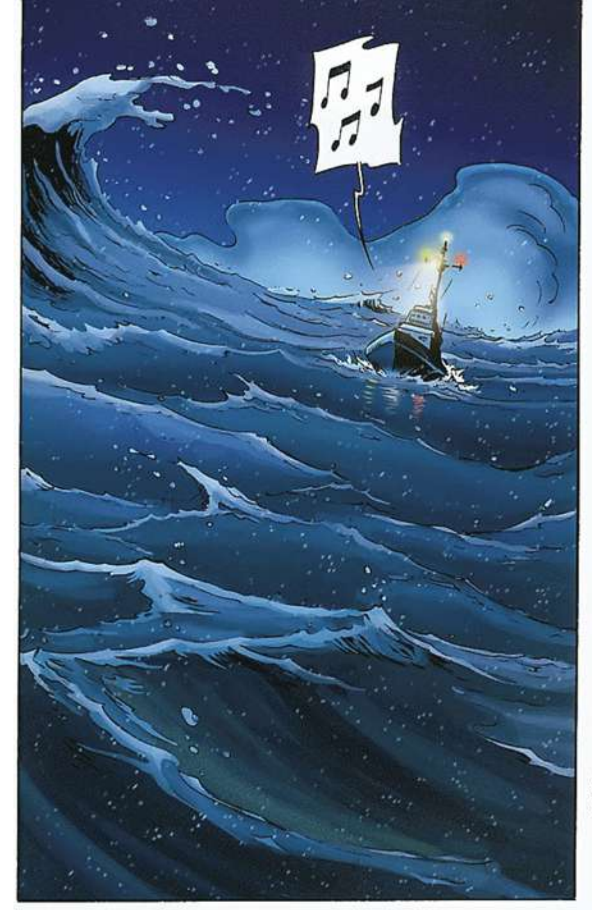

DID YOUR FRIEND REPLY?
YES!
AND...
"DEAREST BORANO, I SUCCEEDED IN LOCALIZING THE VOLCANO."
"IT'S ON THE ISLAND OF ADAK IN THE ALEU-TIAN ARCHIPELAGO."


"IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY THE ISLAND SERVED AS A MILITARY BASE FOR AMERICAN TROOPS UNTIL THE END OF THE COLD WAR. IT'S NOW UNINHABITED AND NO AIRLINES FLY THERE. TO GET THERE YOU'LL HAVE TO HIRE A PLANE."


"I KNOW AN EXCELLENT SIBERIAN PILOT I ALWAYS USE ON EXPEDITIONS TO THE ALEUTIANS. I'M SENDING YOU HIS INFO. CALL HIM AND SAY "HELLO" FOR ME. HE'S EXPENSIVE, BUT HE KNOWS THE AREA VERY WELL. IF YOU MEET HIS PRICE HE'LL TAKE YOU WHERE YOU NEED TO GO!"


ARE YOU READY TO JUMP, MISTER BORANO?
YES!
WATCH IT, ADAK IS COMPLETELY BLANKETED IN MIST. VISIBILITY IS NEAR ZERO!
IT'S FOR THE BEST. THE WORLD WARRIORS WON'T SEE ME COMING.






CALL


HELLO, LITTLE BROTHER! ANY NEWS? WHERE ARE YOU?
IN A STORM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BERING SEA.


TAKE CARE OF THE BOAT, OKAY? BRING IT BACK IN GOOD CONDITION. I'VE GOT A BUYER WHO'S ALREADY PUT DOWN A BIG DEPOSIT AND THE SALE WILL EARN ME A SMALL FORTUNE. SO BE CAREFUL. I'M COUNTING ON YOU, OKAY?


YEAH, YEAH, YOU TIRE ME WITH GOOD ADVICE! I'M NOT A KID ANYMORE!
WOW, YOU'RE IN A FILTHY MOOD! WHAT'S WRONG?
DAYTONA!
DID YOU MISS HIM?


YES! HE ESCAPED AGAIN.
HE SURVIVED BOTH ROCKETS, THE LITTLE BASTARD!
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WHAT'S HAPPENING, LITTLE BROTHER?


CARUSO? CAN YOU HEAR ME? ANSWER ME!





IMPOSSIBLE TO STAY OUTSIDE IN THIS COLD...
I NEED TO FIND SHELTER FOR THE NIGHT...
I HOPE THAT THERE'S A VILLAGE NEARBY AND SOMEONE WHO'LL HELP ME...


CALL YOUR FATHER!
TELL HIM WE'VE TAKEN YOU HOSTAGE AND THAT WE DEMAND A RANSOM OF FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IF HE EVER WANTS TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
FUCK OFF! THE ONLY THING I'LL TELL HIM IS THAT YOU MURDERED MY MOTHER!
SHE GOT EXACTLY WHAT SHE DESERVED. SHE WAS AN UNDERCOVER CIA COUNTER-TERRORISM AGENT.
LIAR! I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!
STILL, IT'S TRUE.
YOUR MOTHER CONCEALED HER TRUE MOTIVES UNDER THE GUISE OF A RICH MAN'S WIFE.
EVEN WE WERE FOOLED. SHE CONTACTED US THROUGH A MUTUAL FRIEND, PRETENDING TO SUPPORT OUR CAUSE...
...SAYING THAT SHE WANTED TO FIGHT WITH US. SHE SEEMED SO PASSIONATE THAT WE BELIEVED HER, AND TOOK HER IN.
WE NEVER SUSPECTED THAT SHE WAS AN AGENT SENT TO INFILTRATE OUR GROUP.
WHEN WE FOUND OUT WE DECIDED TO KILL HER. KNOWING THAT YOUR FATHER WAS A BILLIONAIRE WE CAME UP WITH THE IDEA OF A STAGED KIDNAPPING...
...SO WE COULD AT LEAST RAISE SOME FUNDS IN THE PROCESS. THEN WE CALLED YOU, AND THE REST YOU KNOW...
MY MOTHER KNEW ABOUT THIS?
AT FIRST WE DIDN'T TELL HER ANYTHING. SHE HAD NO IDEA THAT WE KNEW THE TRUTH ABOUT HER.
WHEN DID YOU TELL HER?
ONLY MOMENTS BEFORE WE LEFT FOR THE ABANDONED DRILL STATION WHERE BRIAN MET YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS.
KLIK!
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YOUR MOTHER WANTED TO BETRAY US. IT'S ONLY LOGICAL THAT WE'D SEEK REVENGE AND KILL HER. WITH YOU IT'S DIFFERENT. WE HAVE NO GRUDGE AGAINST YOU. WE'LL LET YOU LIVE, I PROMISE YOU THAT. COME ON, CALL YOUR DADDY.
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WHERE DID HE COME FROM?!
I DON'T KNOW, I FOUND HIM OUTSIDE AT THE WINDOW.
WHAT WHERE YOU DOING AT THE WINDOW, SPYING ON US?
N...NO! I... I GOT SHIP-WRECKED! I HOPED TO FIND SOMEONE WHO'D GIVE ME SHELTER FOR THE NIGHT.
DO YOU THINK I'M A FOOL?
EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT THIS ISLAND IS UNINHABITED!
SO WHY DID YOU COME HERE? WHO SENT YOU?
NOBODY! I'M SHIP-WRECKED, REALLY! MY BOAT SANK IN THE STORM...
I WAS ABLE TO SAVE MYSELF WITH A RESCUE ZODIAC...
AND THE OTHERS?
WHAT OTHERS?
THE OTHER SURVIVORS! WHERE ARE THEY?
THERE ARE NONE...
COME ON, DARREN...
WE'LL TAKE A LOOK OUTSIDE.
I WANT TO BE CERTAIN THAT HE'S REALLY ALONE AND TELLING THE TRUTH.


YOU GO AROUND THAT WAY. I'LL TAKE THE OTHER SIDE...
...WE'LL MEET UP AROUND THE BACK OF THE BUILDING.
OKAY, KARL.






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DID YOU HEAR THAT?
YES, THERE'S FIGHTING OUTSIDE.
YOU LIED, BASTARD! YOU WEREN'T ALONE!
AIIIII! MY PLUMS!
IF YOU ASK ME, THIS ASSHOLE IS FROM THE CIA!
HE PROBABLY LANDED ON THE ISLAND WITH NAVAL COMMANDOS, TO SURPRISE US WHILE WE SLEEP.
HOW WERE THEY ABLE TO FIND US?
MAMA STYLER MUST HAVE CALLED THEM WITHOUT US KNOWING, BEFORE WE KILLED HER.
COULD BE. WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE FAST.
THERE AREN'T ENOUGH OF US TO WITHSTAND AN ASSAULT!
AND KARL AND DARREN? DO WE JUST LEAVE THEM?
WE HAVE NO CHOICE!
WE RISK BEING KILLED IF WE TRY TO SAVE THEM. THEY COULD ALREADY BE DEAD...
SHE'S RIGHT. WE HAVE TO RUN!
NO, STOP! IF WE GO THROUGH THAT DOOR WE'LL HAVE NO COVER. THEY'LL GUN US DOWN BEFORE WE REACH THE HELICOPTER IN THE HANGER.
WE SHOULD GO THROUGH THE BASEMENT. THAT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE OF ESCAPE!
GET UP! QUICKLY!
AND HIM? CAN I SHOOT HIM?
NOT YET.
WE'LL TAKE HIM ALONG.
WE MIGHT NEED HIM.
MOVE!
THIS TUNNEL LEADS STRAIGHT TO THE SHORE.
THE AMERICANS DUG IT TO MOVE SUPPLIES ONTO THE BASE QUICKLY.




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WHO ARE YOU?
WHO SENT YOU?
THE CIA? ANSWER ME OR I'LL BLOW YOUR HEAD OFF!

AHHH...


I'VE SEEN THAT GUY SOMEWHERE BEFORE, BUT WHERE?
ON THE PLANE! YES, THAT'S IT! HE WAS ON THE PLANE THAT LANDED ON THE LAKE, YESTERDAY. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. HE'S DEFINITELY ONE OF KELLY'S KIDNAPPERS.

SO THEY'RE HOLDING HER IN THIS BUILDING...
...BUT HOW DO I GET HER OUT OF THERE?



SHIT, IT'S LOCKED...

NOBODY...
WHERE ARE THEY?

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GUNSHOTS!

...AND A BLOOD TRAIL!


YOU SAID YOU ARRIVED HERE IN A ZODIAC?
YES, I LEFT IT THERE, ON THE BEACH...
OKAY, MOVE IT!

WE ONLY WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE, SO WHEN YOUR FRIENDS ARRIVE, YOU TELL THEM TO STAY COOL AND DON'T SHOOT AT US.
IF THEY TRY TO STOP US, I'LL KILL YOU. UNDERSTAND?

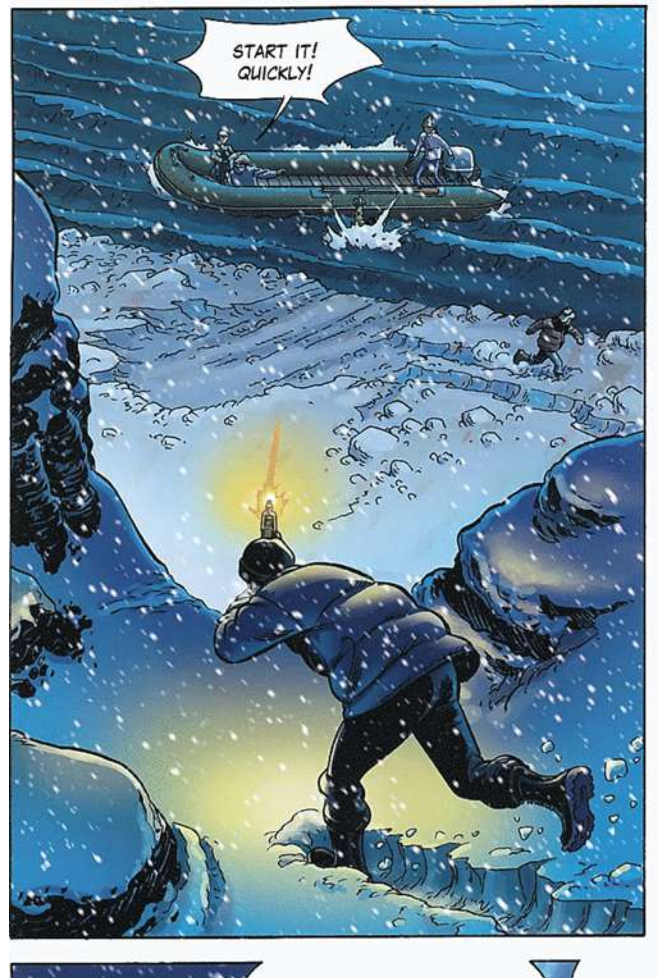











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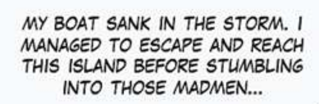







THEY'VE STOLEN MY ZODIAC! DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE! SHOOT!
NO, AT THIS DISTANCE AND WITH THE MIST I RISK HURTING KELLY.
SHOOT ALREADY! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?


KELLY? IS THAT THE BLOND IN THE HANDCUFFS?
YES, AND WHO ARE YOU?


MY BOAT SANK IN THE STORM. I MANAGED TO ESCAPE AND REACH THIS ISLAND BEFORE STUMBLING INTO THOSE MADMEN...
THEY HELD ME CAPTIVE BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT I WAS A CIA AGENT.


DID THEY SAY ANYTHING THAT COULD PUT ME BACK ON THEIR TRAIL?
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME? ARE YOU A DETECTIVE?
YES. DID THEY SAY ANYTHING DURING THEIR ESCAPE THROUGH THE TUNNELS ABOUT A COUNTRY, A CITY, ANYWHERE ELSE? TRY TO REMEMBER. EVERY DETAIL COULD BE IMPORTANT.


NO, THEY DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING INTERESTING. THEY JUST WANTED ME TO TAKE THEM TO MY ZODIAC. IT WAS THEIR ONLY CHANCE TO ESCAPE. THEY COULDN'T USE THEIR HELICOPTER FOR FEAR OF BEING SHOT...
A HELICOPTER?! WHERE IS IT?
IN ONE OF THE HANGARS ON THE BASE, IF I UNDERSTOOD CORRECTLY.

YOU'RE GOING TOO FAST! WE'RE GOING TO SINK! SLOW DOWN!
NO WAY IN HELL! OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO RUN AS FAST AS WE CAN AND HIDE SOMEWHERE IN A HARBOR!
THE CLOSEST IS MILES FROM HERE! WE'LL NEVER REACH IT IN THIS WEATHER!
WE WILL! THE ESKIMO'S USED TO SAIL AROUND ON MUCH LIGHTER KAYAKS THAN THIS ZODIAC!
YEAH, BUT PROBABLY NOT DURING A STORM!






TRY TO GET AS MUCH AS YOU CAN!
WE'RE GOING TO NEED IT IF WE'RE GOING TO HIDE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GLOBE UNTIL THE CIA FORGETS ABOUT US.






LEAVE IT!


I'M GOING TO KILL YOU LIKE YOU KILLED MY MOTHER!

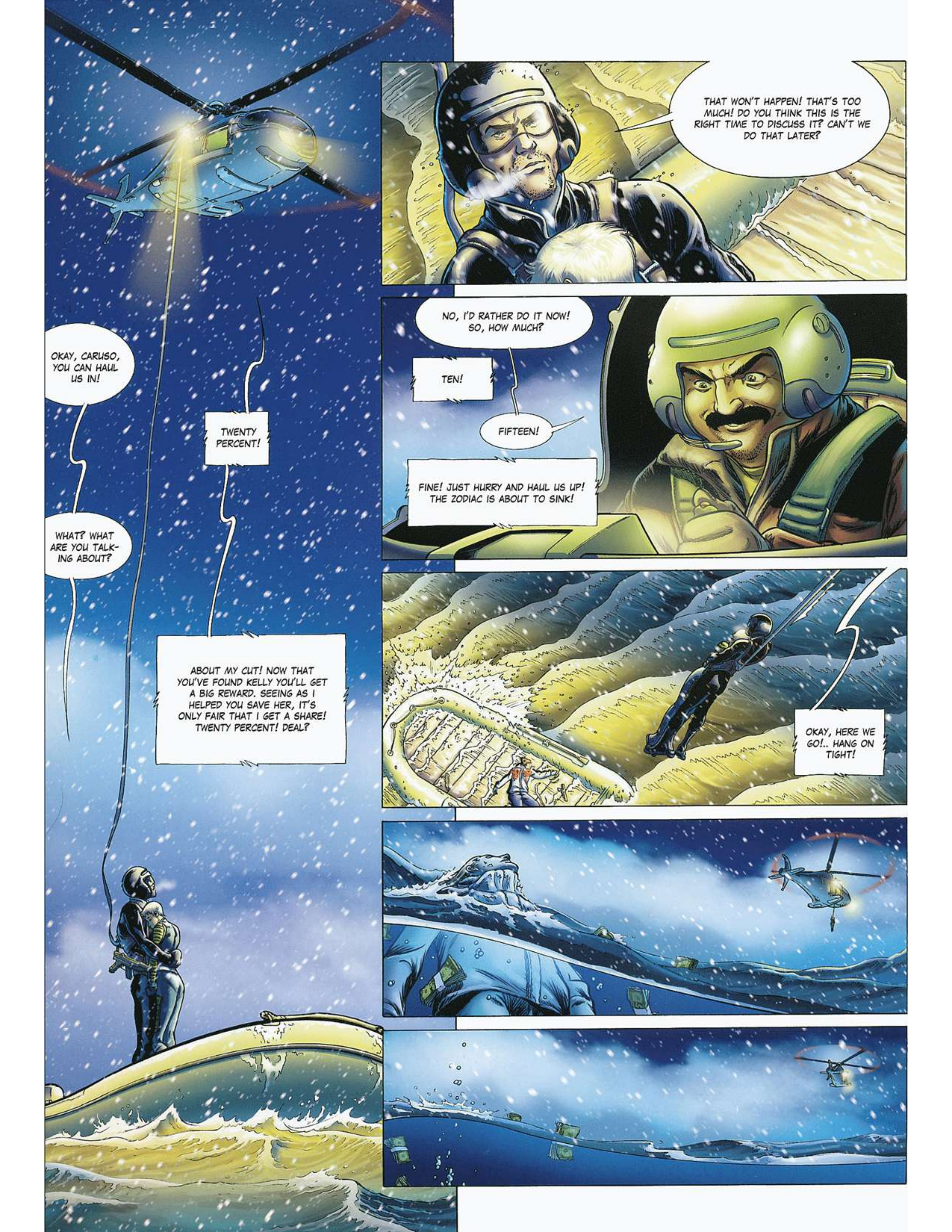

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I'LL STRANGLE YOU, BITCH!



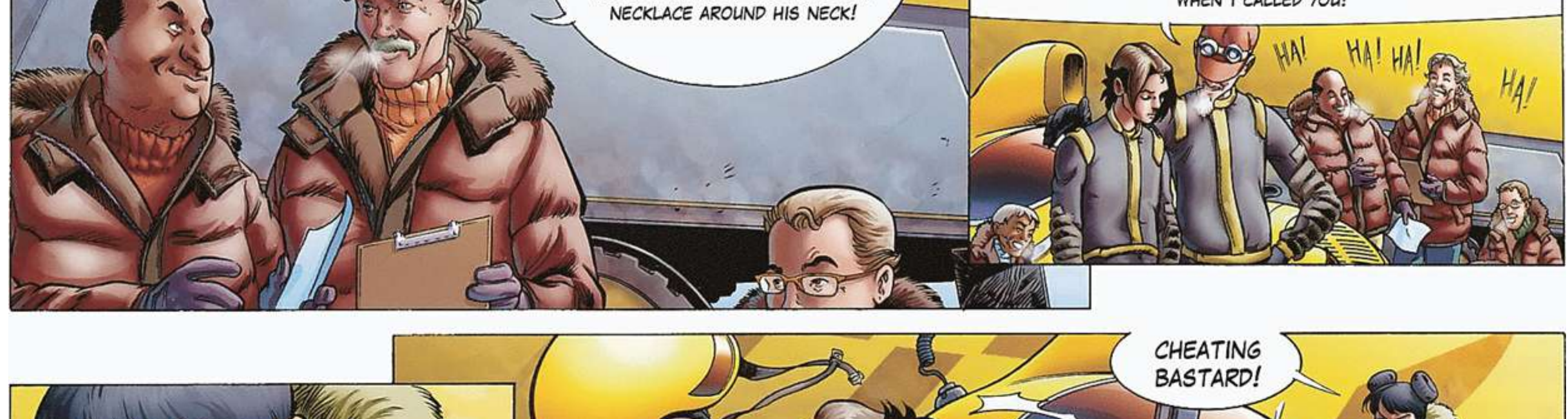




OKAY, CARUSO, YOU CAN HAUL US IN!
TWENTY PERCENT!
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT?
ABOUT MY CUT! NOW THAT YOU'VE FOUND KELLY YOU'LL GET A BIG REWARD. SEEING AS I HELPED YOU SAVE HER, IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT I GET A SHARE! TWENTY PERCENT! DEAL?
THAT WON'T HAPPEN! THAT'S TOO MUCH! DO YOU THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME TO DISCUSS IT? CAN'T WE DO THAT LATER?
NO, I'D RATHER DO IT NOW! SO, HOW MUCH?
TEN!
FIFTEEN!
FINE! JUST HURRY AND HAUL US UP! THE ZODIAC IS ABOUT TO SINK!
OKAY, HERE WE GO!.. HANG ON TIGHT!


GOOD DAY AND WELCOME TO RUSSIA!
WE'RE IN ANADYR, A LITTLE CITY IN SIBERIA...
...WHERE THIS MORNING IT'S MINUS TWENTY DEGREES!
WHY IS IT MORNING THERE AND AFTERNOON HERE?
BECAUSE OF THE TIME DIFFERENCE, WE TOLD YOU YESTERDAY...
AND WE'LL HAVE TO TELL YOU AGAIN TOMORROW...
CAUSE YOU DON'T LISTEN!
WHY ARE YOU TALKING TO ME LIKE THAT? YOU'RE A MEANIE!
DON'T MIND HER, SHE'S JUST IN A MOOD BECAUSE HER BROTHER ISN'T LEADING THE RACE.
BEFORE WE GIVE YOU THE RACE CLASSIFICATION, WE'VE GOT SOME DRAMATIC FOOTAGE FROM YESTERDAY.
AFTER LEAVING NOME IN ALASKA THE CONTESTANTS HAD TO CROSS THE TERRIBLE BERING STRAIT...
AND FOR SOME THE RACE ENDED THERE...


EVERYBODY WHO MADE IT TO RUSSIA THOUGHT THE WORST WAS OVER BUT THAT WAS A MISTAKE! THERE WAS MORE TO COME ON THE SIBERIAN PASSAGE...
...MIST, SNOWSTORMS AND FROZEN ROADS CAUSED A SERIES OF ACCIDENTS...
...ONLY THE BEST DRIVERS WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE THE TRAPS OF THE WHITE HELL...
...ONE OF THEM IS THE YOUNG DAYTONA!
HE MANAGED A SMALL MIRACLE BY COMING IN ON TIME DESPITE AN ACCIDENT THAT COST HIM HOURS IN THE SNOW!
Jepeto
WHAT HAPPENED, EXACTLY?
WHY DID YOU RUN OFF THE ROAD?
I SWERVED TO AVOID A TIGER CUB...
I TRIED TO BRAKE AND WE ENDED UP IN A RAVINE.
WITHOUT DOUDINKA WE'D STILL BE THERE.


DUH-DOINKA?
WHO'S THAT?
A NENET ESKIMO GIRL...
SHE GAVE ME THIS NECKLACE.


OOH, THAT'S SPECIAL FOR THE NENETS. IF A GIRL FALLS IN LOVE WITH A BOY SHE PUTS HER NECKLACE AROUND HIS NECK!
NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WERE NAKED IN BED WHEN I CALLED YOU!
HA! HA! HA! HA!


WHAT?!
CHEATING BASTARD!

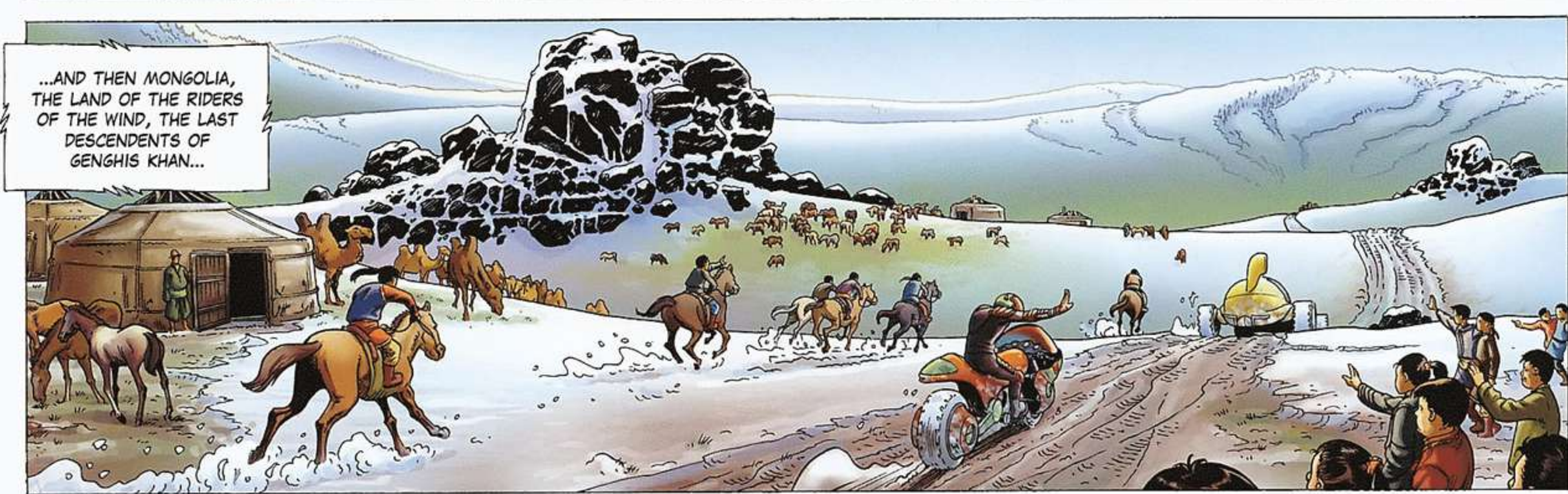

NO, IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!
HOLLY, LET ME EXPLAIN...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO, I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND!
NICE GOING!

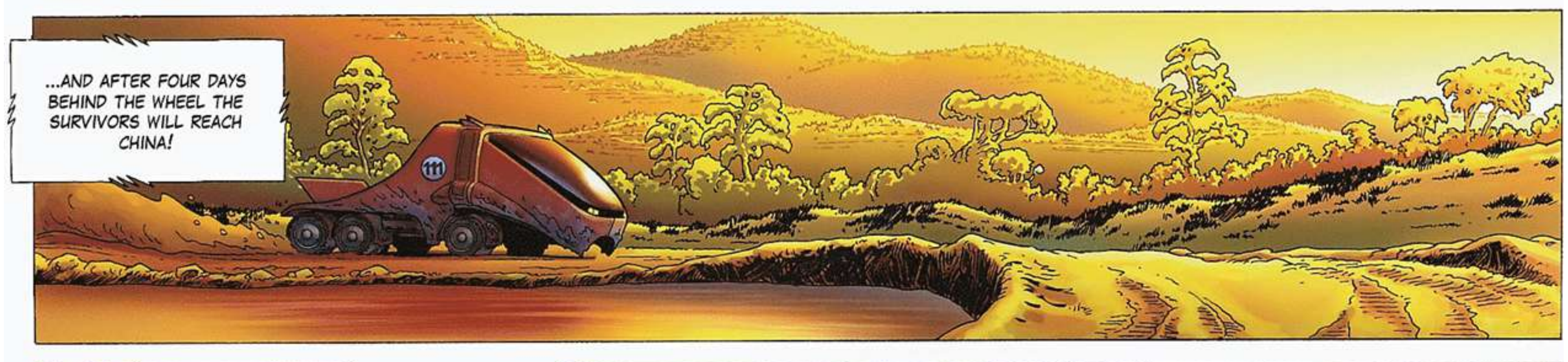

AW, DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT. WE WERE JUST HAVING SOME FUN.
COME, PUT ON YOUR HELMET AND WARM UP THE ENGINE. THEY'RE ABOUT TO FIRE THE STARTING SHOT.


WHO'S THAT GIRL WHO THREW A HELMET AT YOUR BROTHER?
DUNNO, I DON'T KNOW THAT TRAMP. NEVER SEEN HER BEFORE...
MAYBE SHE'S HIS GIRLFRIEND?
UGH... YOU! SHE'S MUCH TOO UGLY!

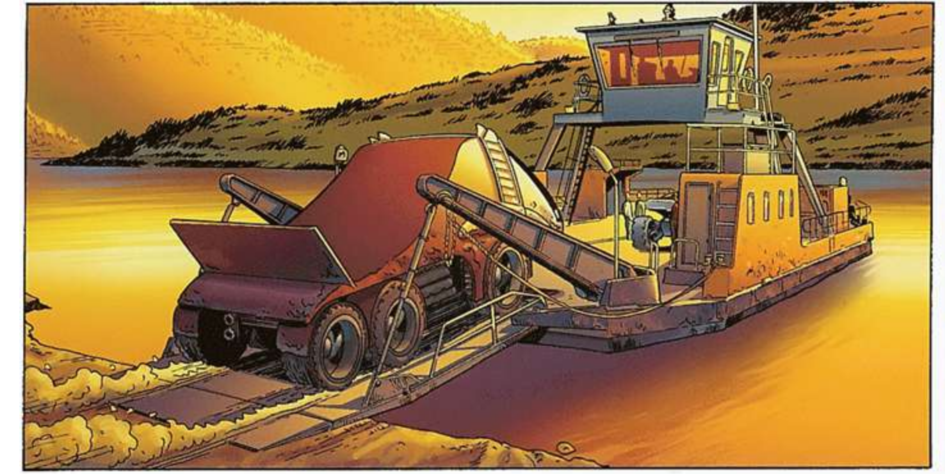

NO WAY, I THINK SHE'S SUPER SEXY!
ME TOO! WHAT A FOX!
SHUT UP, I CAN'T HEAR THE TV!
...AND DURING THIS MARATHON STAGE OF MORE THEN SIX THOU-SAND MILES THE CONTESTANTS WILL CROSS...

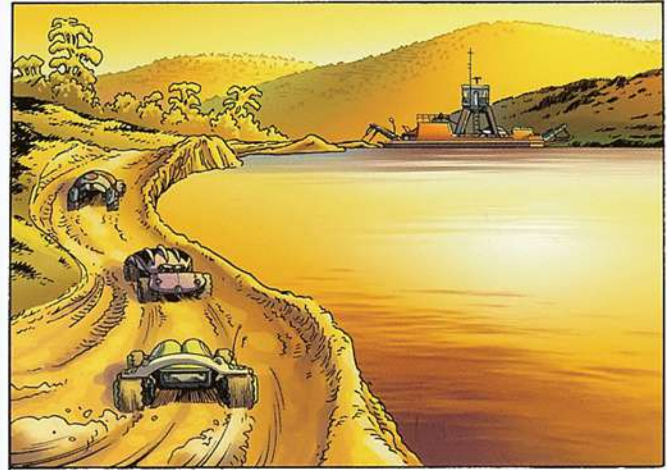

...THE WHOLE OF RUSSIA ON THE TRANS-SIBERIAN ROAD...


...AND THEN MONGOLIA, THE LAND OF THE RIDERS OF THE WIND, THE LAST DESCENDENTS OF GENGHIS KHAN...


...AND AFTER FOUR DAYS BEHIND THE WHEEL THE SURVIVORS WILL REACH CHINA!
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AH, THERE'S THE FERRY THAT'S IN THE ROAD BOOK...
WE CROSS THE RIVER HERE.



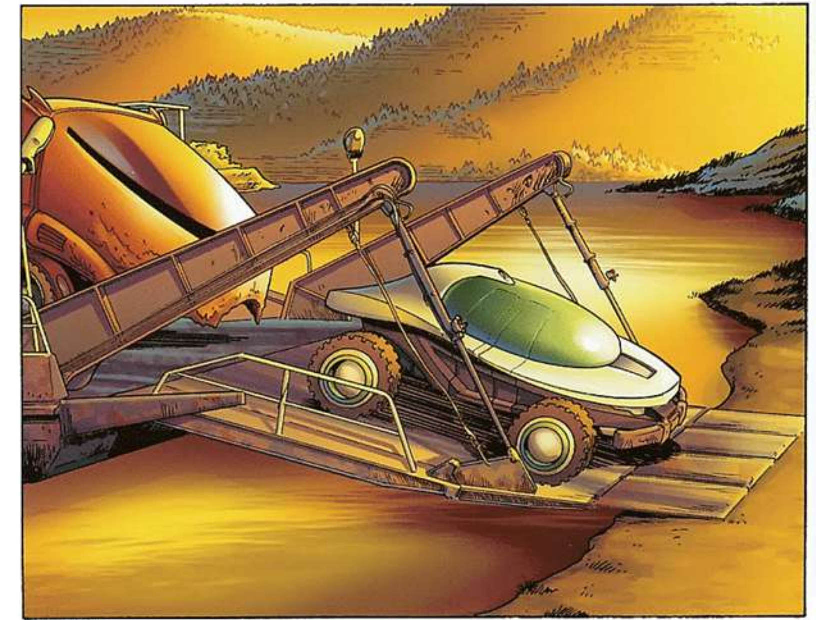


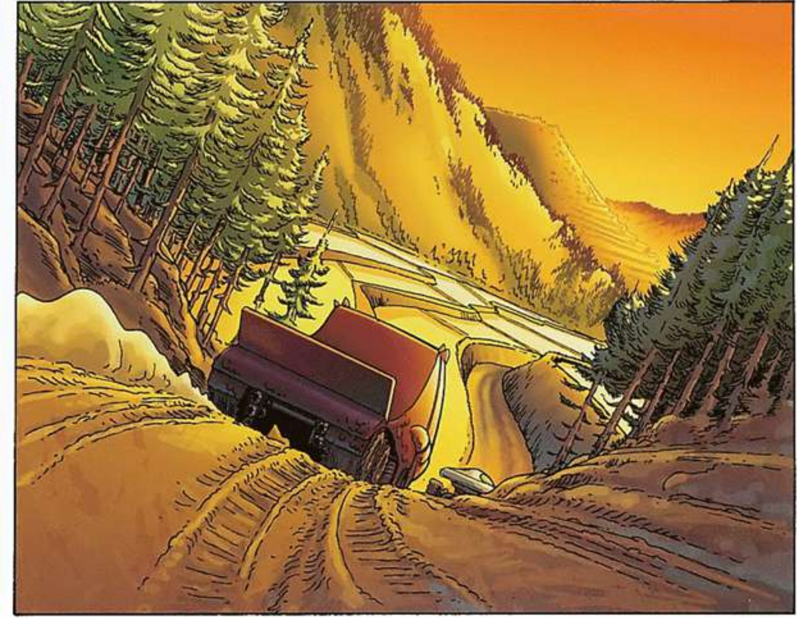

COME ON, LET'S GO!
OKAY!


AND THE OTHER CARS? WON'T YOU WAIT FOR THEM?
NO.
OH... WHY?


BECAUSE WE WERE WAITING FOR YOU.
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BUT, WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WE'LL EXPLAIN LATER...
GET IN THE 4X4 AND WE WON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS...

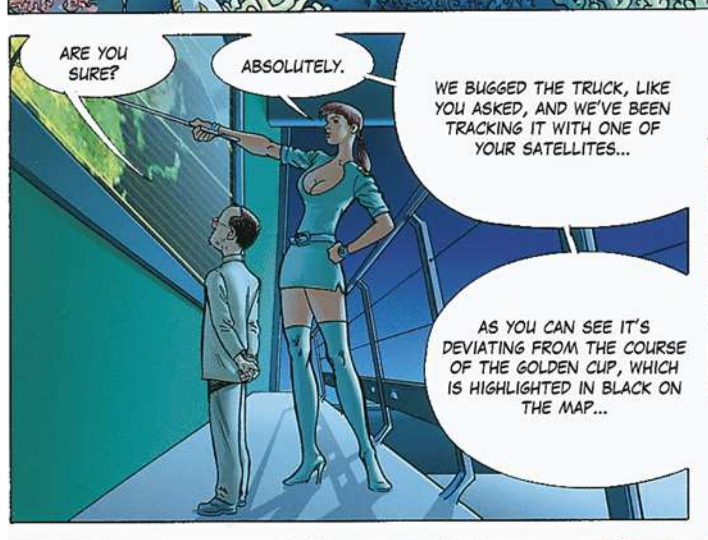




WE HAVE A PROBLEM, SIR.

WHAT NOW?

BRENDA'S TRUCK HAS SUDDENLY CHANGED COURSE! IT'S NOT FOLLOWING THE ROUTE AS IT STANDS IN THE ROAD BOOK.







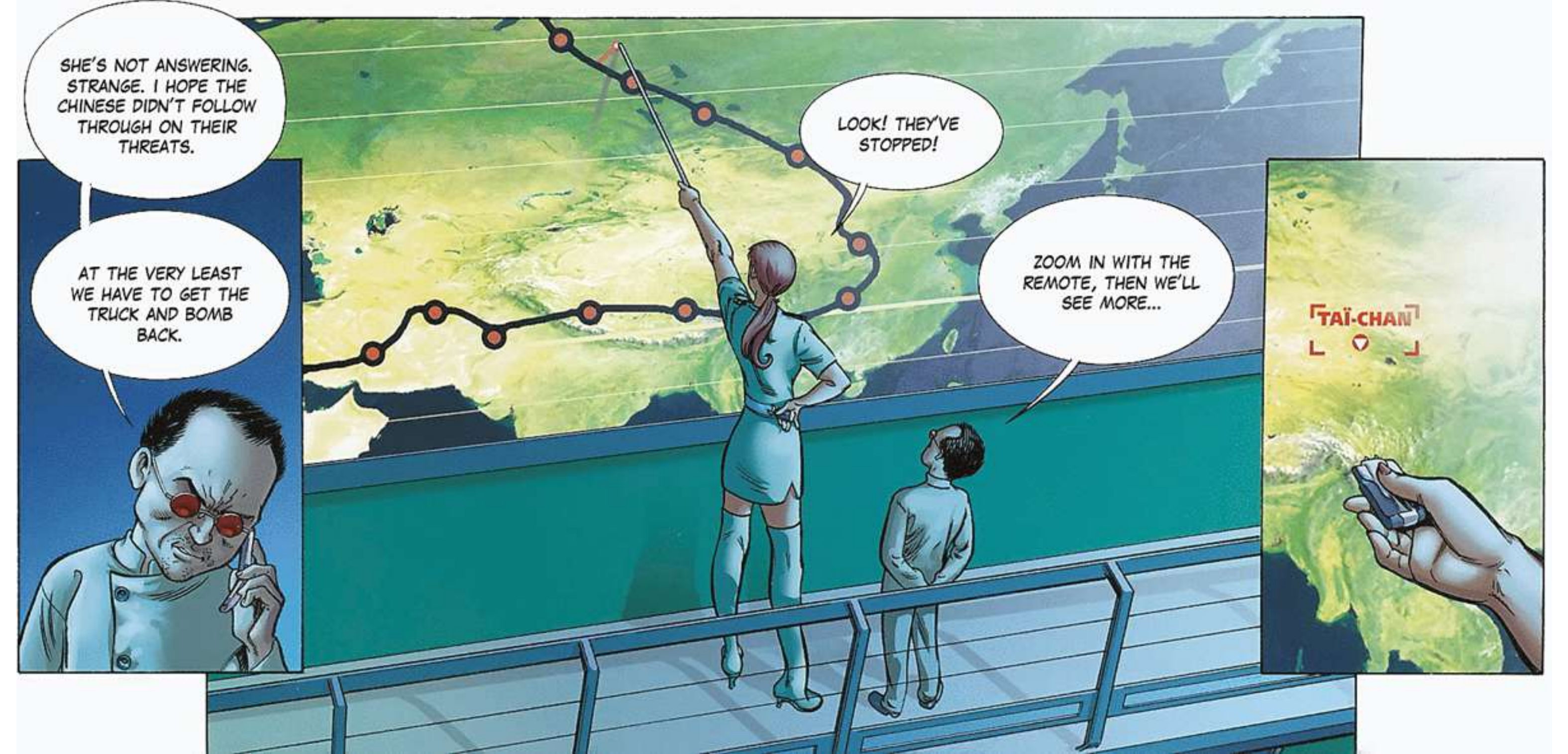




GIVE ME THAT MOBILE!
DON'T MAKE ME USE VIOLENCE!
HELLO? HELLO, WINONA, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

HELLO?... HELLO?






WHY DID YOU BRING US TO THIS VILLAGE?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
THE BOMB.
WHAT BOMB?
THE ONE THAT'S IN YOUR TRUCK.


I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
VERY FUNNY!
THERE'S NO BOMB IN OUR TRUCK... UNLESS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ME?
I'M CERTAIN YOU'LL BE LESS JOKEY WHEN YOU SEE WHAT WE HAVE IN STORE FOR YOU.


TIE THEM TO THAT TREE!





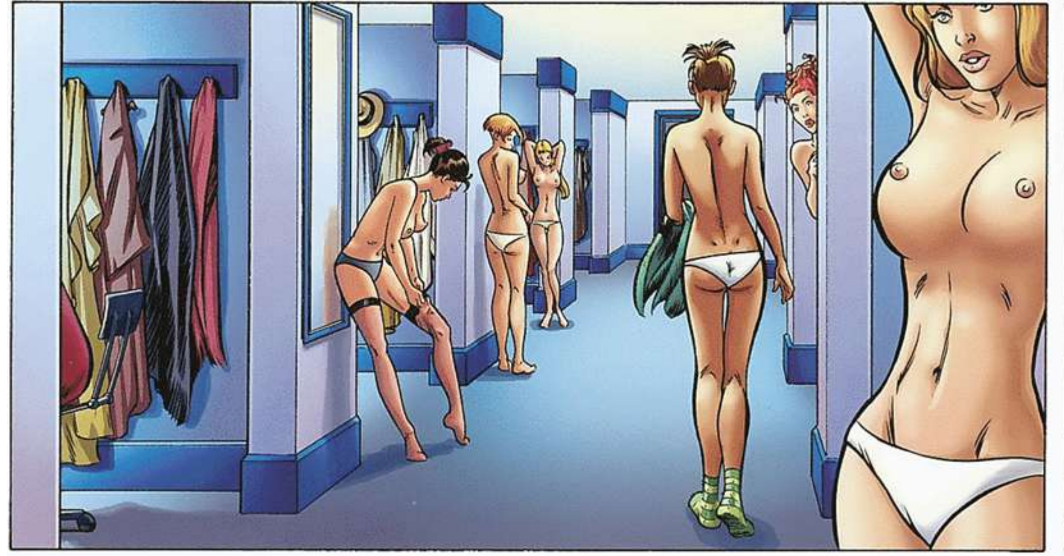


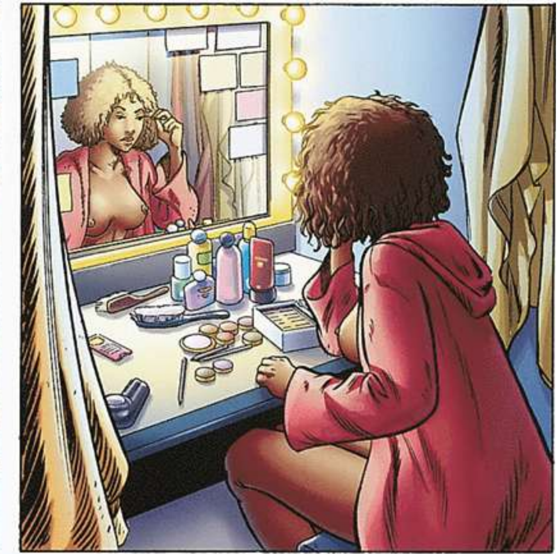
WE KNOW FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE THAT YOU'RE TRANSPORTING A BOMB, SO DON'T TRY TO DENY IT.
ALL I WANT IS THE SECRET CODE.
WHAT CODE?
THE CODE THAT UNLOCKS THE IGNITION AND STARTS THE COUNTDOWN TO DETONATION.

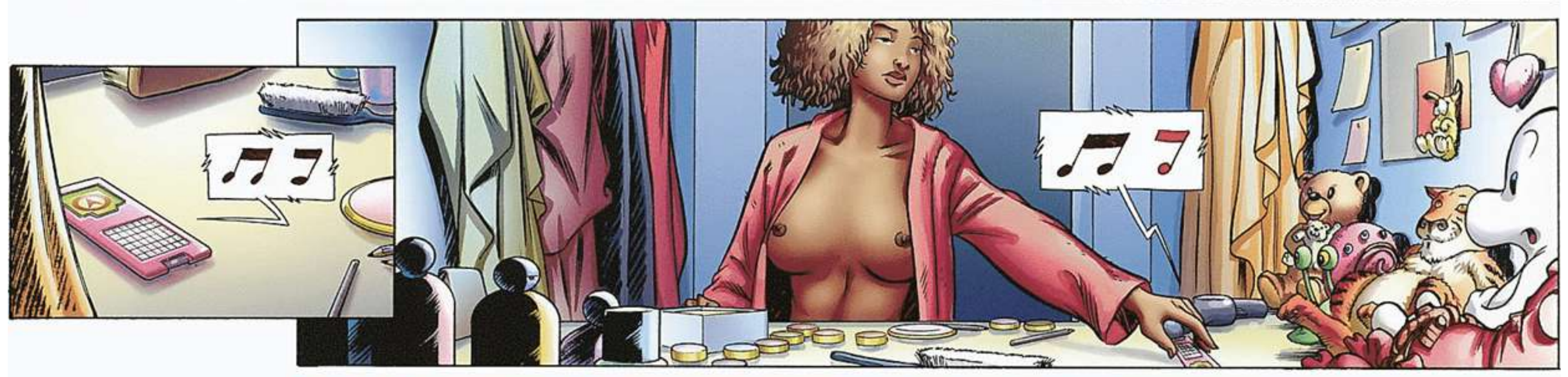
GIVE ME THE CODE AND YOUR LIVES WILL BE SPARED!
NEVER!
THAT'S A PITY FOR YOU...
YOUR STUBBORNNESS COMPELS ME TO BE A LITTLE MORE CONVINCING.

GO GET THE SNAKES!


WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, BORANO?
...NOW THAT THE INVESTIGATION IS OVER?
I'M TAKING THE NEXT FLIGHT BACK TO THE BAHAMAS. I WANT TO SALVAGE MY TRIMARAN.
WITH THAT CHECK YOUR FATHER GAVE ME I'LL HAVE ENOUGH TO REPAIR IT.
SO YOU STILL PLAN TO SAIL SOLO AROUND THE WORLD?
TAXI
MORE THAN EVER. FINALLY I'LL LIVE MY LIFELONG DREAM!
I'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT YOU DID FOR ME...
WITHOUT YOU I WOULD HAVE BEEN DROWNED OR MURDERED.
GOOD DAY. WHERE CAN I TAKE YOU?
THE AIRPORT.
GOOD BYE! I WOULD LOVE IT IF YOU SENT ME A CARD THE NEXT TIME YOU DOCK SOMEWHERE. DEAL?
I PROMISE!
PROFIT FROM YOUR TRIP THROUGH GOLDEN CITY BY DOING SOME SHOPPING!
ALL PRICES EXCLUDE VAT!
...AND IF YOU STILL HAVE A FEW HOURS BEFORE YOUR FLIGHT...
...OFFER YOURSELF SOME RELAXATION! GO AND WATCH "GOLDEN CLUB", THE CITY'S MOST FAMOUS CABARET WHICH STARS THE EFFERVESCENT LILY CADILLAC. IT'S A TRIUMPH ON STAGE!
HER?!







SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING, MISS LILY, BUT A CERTAIN MISTER BORANO WISHES TO SPEAK WITH YOU.

HE CLAIMS TO BE A FRIEND OF YOURS... WHAT? OKAY, I'LL TELL HIM THAT... OF COURSE, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME.

SORRY SIR, BUT MISS CADILLAC ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW ANYBODY BY THAT NAME.

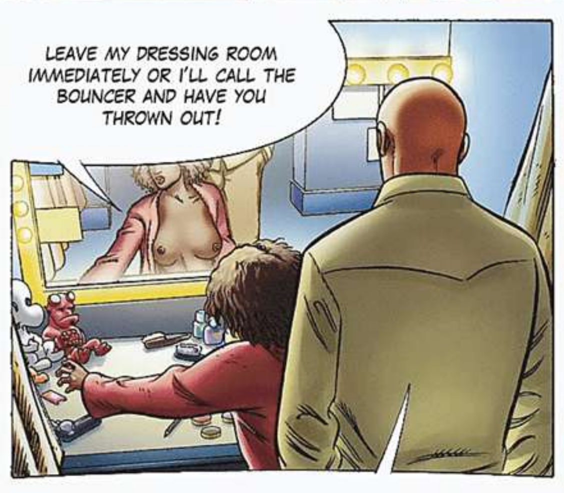
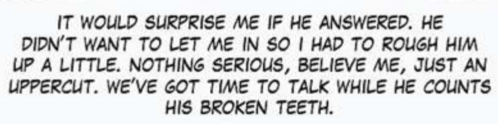
SO I CAN'T LET YOU INSIDE.





HELLO, CUTIES!
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YOU CAN'T COME IN HERE! THIS AREA IS OFF-LIMITS TO THE PUBLIC!
SORRY!... CAN'T SAY IT'S NOT WORTH GETTING INTO TROUBLE.



LEAVE MY DRESSING ROOM IMMEDIATELY OR I'LL CALL THE BOUNCER AND HAVE YOU THROWN OUT!

IT WOULD SURPRISE ME IF HE ANSWERED. HE DIDN'T WANT TO LET ME IN SO I HAD TO ROUGH HIM UP A LITTLE. NOTHING SERIOUS, BELIEVE ME, JUST AN UPPERCUT. WE'VE GOT TIME TO TALK WHILE HE COUNTS HIS BROKEN TEETH.

TALK ABOUT WHAT?
ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO MY TRIMARAN.
THAT WAS AN ACCIDENT!

YES, I THOUGHT SO TOO, UNTIL I SAW YOUR FACE ON A SCREEN IN THE ROBOT-TAXI TAKING ME TO THE AIRPORT.
NOW I HAVE MY DOUBTS...

WHY?
BECAUSE THE "GOLDEN CLUB" IS BURT STYLER'S!
SO WHAT? WHAT'S THE CONNECTION BETWEEN HIM AND THE TRIMARAN?

WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME... QUICKLY, BEFORE I GET ANGRY.
THAT "ACCIDENT" WAS STYLER'S IDEA, RIGHT?... RIGHT?... ANSWER ME!
YES... HE PROMISED ME A LOT OF MONEY. I... I HAD NO CHOICE...
IF I REFUSED HE WOULD HAVE THROWN ME OUT OF THE CABARET!



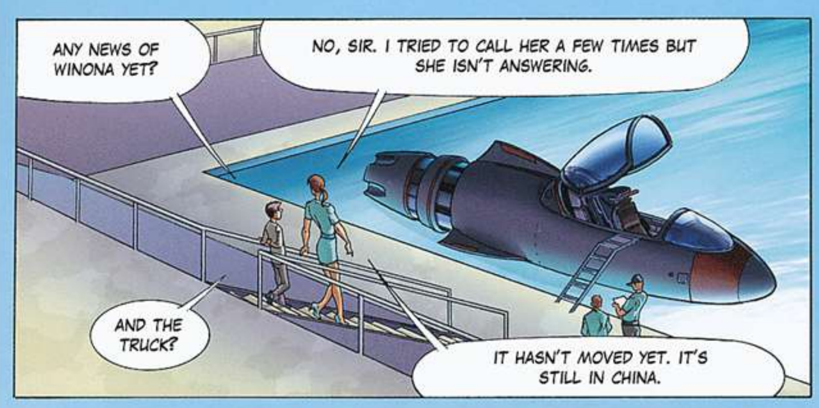

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, BORANO? I THOUGHT YOU WERE ALREADY ON A PLANE TO THE BAHAMAS. WHY HAVEN'T YOU LEFT YET?
I FORGOT TO DO SOMETHING.
WHAT?

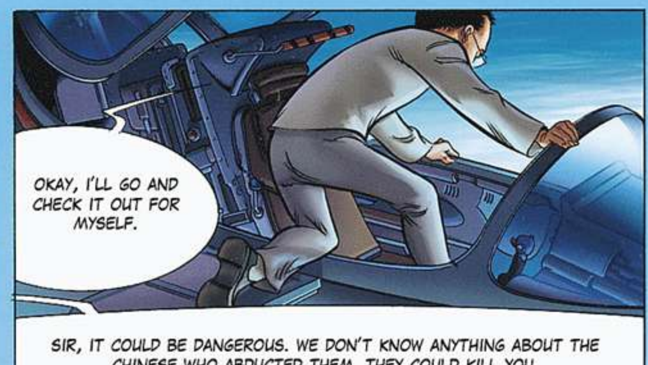

THIS!
ASSHOLE! LILY CADILLAC TOLD ME EVERYTHING! I'LL KILL YOU!


CALM DOWN! LOOK, I ADMIT I WAS WRONG, BUT IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO GET YOU TO SEARCH FOR KELLY! I WOULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING TO GET HER BACK. ANYTHING! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE CHILDREN...


I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU DUPED ME! AND THAT I'LL HAVE TO WAIT ANOTHER YEAR FOR MY TRIMARAN TO BE REPAIRED SO I CAN FINALLY GO ON MY WORLD VOYAGE!

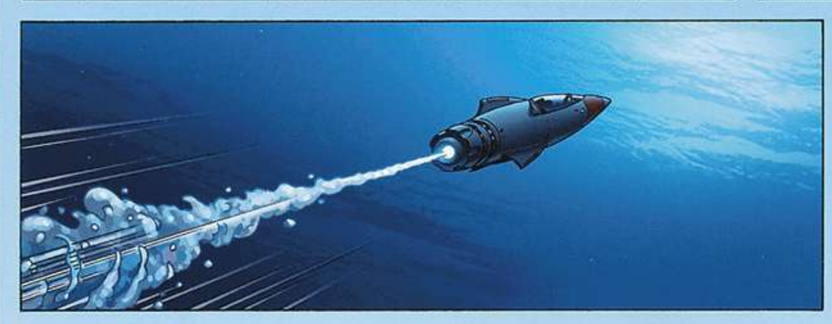

LISTEN, TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU, I'LL GIVE YOU MY YACHT. YOU'LL SEE, IT'S MARVELOUS AND IN PERFECT CONDITION. IT'S YOURS. YOU CAN TAKE IT AND GO WHEREVER YOU WANT...
OKAY, FAIR ENOUGH! JUST MAKE SURE THAT IT'S LOADED WITH WHISKY AND FOOD. I'M LEAVING AT DAWN.

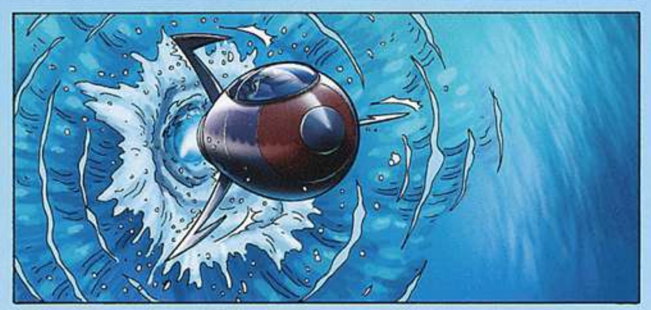


















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THANKS FOR READING!
-ALICE

GOLDEN CUP

CHARACTERS

Daytona: This wizard behind the wheel has always dreamed of becoming a racing driver and champion.
Stirling Sullivan: A passionate and kindly old-mechanic who designed his own race car to compete in the Golden Cup.
Burt Styler: A rich and powerful Golden City businessman who'll do whatever it takes to get what he wants.
Kelly Styler: Daughter of Burt Styler. This sensitive and determined girl hides her sadness at her parent's divorce beneath a rebellious facade.
Borano: With a weakness for beautiful girls, this lonely world traveler is also the world's greatest detective.

THE STORY

Nobody has heard from Daytona since he went looking for aid after Victoria ran off the road. Lost in a snow storm, will he ever find his way back? Meanwhile, Borano still searches for Kelly, the heiress who was kidnapped by the World Warriors. To find her he sees but one solution: he must make the dead talk!

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